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**PART I - NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS**

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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

HOME (SC.B) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.1081

Dated:25.11.2021

Read the following:-

From the Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.71/RCT-KUR/2014,DT:06.08.2021.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly O/o DFO, Kurnool, Kurnool District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegation of giving false evidence against prosecution.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I to IV). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed. Other witnesses and documents, if any cited will also be examined, if necessary in addition to the witnesses and documents already cited.

3. Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly O/o DFO, Kurnool, Kurnool District, is directed to appear before the disciplinary authority and submit a written statement of his defence within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly O/o DFO, Kurnool, Kurnool District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly O/o DFO, Kurnool, Kurnool District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above, further action will be processed based on the material made available.

6. Therefore, the attention of Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which, no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of the matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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To

Sri M. Bhupal Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District **Through** : The Director General, A.P. State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Vijayawada.

The Director General, A.P. State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

The Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Vigilance Commissioner, AP, Secretariat, Velagapudi.

The DSP, ACB, Kurnool.

Enls: (Article of Charges – Annexure-I to IV)

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SECTION OFFICER (SC)

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI
MANCHALA BHUPAL REDDY, AGED 47 YEARS, S/O SANJEEVA REDDY,
REGIONAL FIRE OFFICER, AP FIRE SERVICES, CIVIL DEFENCE
TRAINING INSTITUTE, SATTENAPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT
FORMERLY 0/0 DFO, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.**

Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, Aged 47 years, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly, District Fire Officer, Kurnool joined in Government service on 03.06.1993 as Station Fire officer and he worked in various places of Rayalaseema Districts. He got promoted as Asst, District Fire officer on 14.10.2010 and worked in Anantapur District. Later he got promoted as District Fire officer on 10.06.2013 and worked as District Fire officer, Kurnool from 12.09.2013 to 04.06.2018. Presently he is working as Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District, herein after called as Government Servant. While he was working as District Fire officer, Kurnool has committed grave misconduct as much as.

Charge:

That the Government Servant Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy being an official witness in CC No. 1/2016 in Cr.No.3/RCT-KUR/2014 on the file of the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool, willfully has given false evidence during the trial against his own statement given before mediators, during Post-Trap proceedings to help Sri G. Ramanna, Asst. District fire officer, Kurnool, Kurnool District who is the Accused officer in the above mentioned case.

Thus Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, Aged 47 years, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly, District Fire Officer, Kurnool by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct of unbecoming a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SATTENAPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT FORMERLY 0/0 DFO, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, Age 47 years, S/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District formerly, District Fire Officer, Kurnool joined in Government service on 03.06.1993 as Station Fire officer and he worked in various places of Rayalaseema districts. He got promoted as Asst, District Fire officer on 14.10.2010 and worked in Anantapur District. Later he got promoted as District Fire officer on 10.06.2013 and worked as District Fire officer, Kurnool from 12.09.2013 to 04.06.2018. Presently he is working as Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District. Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy attains the age of superannuation on 31.05.2027. He is herein after referred as Government Servant.

Charge:

That the Government Servant Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy being an official witness in CC No. 1/2016 in Cr.No.3/RCT-KUR/2014 on the file of the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool, willfully has given false evidence during the trial against his own statement given before mediators during Post-Trap proceedings to help Sri G. Ramanna, Asst. District fire officer, Kurnool, Kurnool district who is the Accused officer in the above mentioned case.

Facts and evidence:

That on 04.03.2014, Sri B. Srinivasulu, R/o 1-541-35, Aditya Nursing Home, Adoni, Kurnool District **came to the office of the DSP, ACB, Kurnool and presented a written complaint stating that** Sri Gujjala Ramanna, Asst. District Fire officer, Kurnool **demanded him to pay a bribe amount of Rs. 70,000/- for showing official favour** i.e. for issue of occupancy 'No Objection Certificate' issued by the A.P. State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department and to deliver the same to the complainant Sri B. Srinivasulu and after due verifications on 05.03.2014 the complaint of Sri B. Srinivasulu was registered as a case in Cr.No.3/RCT-KUR/2014 u/s 7 of PC Act, 1988 and the Dy. Superintendent of Police proposed to lay a trap against Sri Gujjala Ramanna.

That on 05.03.2014 Sri Gujjala Ramanna, ADFO was trapped when he renewed his demand and accepted illegal gratification from the complainant Sri B. Srinivasulu in the 0/o District Fire officer, Kurnool situated in B-Camp, Kurnool town. Both the hand fingers of Sri Gujjala Ramanna when tested in sodium carbonate solution turned positive. The tainted currency notes were recovered from right side pants pocket of Sri Gujjala Ramanna. Inner linings of right side pocket of pants of Sri Gujjala Ramanna tested positive when tested in sodium carbonate solution. Sri Gujjala Ramanna during post trap proceedings admitted that he accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 70,000/- from the complainant for getting issued occupancy 'No Objection Certificate' issued by the A.P. State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department and to deliver the same to the complainant. The official favour file pertaining to the complainant was recovered from the possession of Sri Gujjala Ramanna under a cover of post trap proceedings.

During the post trap proceedings on 05-03-2014, the **Government Servant** stated before the mediators that,

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occupancy NOCs with him and remaining two original copies were handed over to him on 04.03.2014 and he produced two sets of the original occupancy NOCs one marked to DM & HO, Kurnool and another copy marked to be retained as office copy. On 05.03.2014 in afternoon while he was in his office chambers, he came to know that the ADFO Sri G. Ramanna had received bribe amount of Rs. 70,000/- from one Dr. Srinivasulu of Adoni for Issue of occupancy NOC and caught red handed by ACB officials and etc., facts". Subsequently, the Government servant was examined by the investigating officer and his statement was recorded u/s 161(3) Cr. PC on 05.03.2014 in which he revealed his earlier version stated in the post trap proceedings before the mediators.

After completion of investigation, charge sheet was filed vide CC No.1/2016 and the **Government servant** examined as PW.2 during the trial before the Special Judge for trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool.

While so the Government servant being a witness in CC No. 1/2016 in Cr.No.3/RCT-KUR/2014 on the file of the Spl. Judge for trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool had willfully deposed false evidence during the trial against his own statement given before the mediators in post trap proceedings in order to help Sri G. Ramanna, Asst. District fire officer, Kurnool, Kurnool district (Accused Officer in CC No. 1/2016) to get away from the case.

During trial the Government Servant deviated from his earlier version stated before the mediators and deposed that,

"on 04.03.2014 he received NOC file but he has not verified how many copies of NOCs in the file and he sent the file to the Superintendent in his office by saying to give it in dispatch section and on 05.03.2014 while he was in his room he heard commotion and came to know AO was trapped by ACB officials". Further during cross examination the Government servant denied the contents of his statement given before the mediators in post trap proceedings. During re-examination, the Government Servant admitted that he handed over 2 sets of original NOC occupancy to the de-facto complainant and one marked to DM & HO, Kurnool and another copy marked to be retained as office copy and the Government Servant said that he got two copies from dispatch section and handed over to DSP and he admitted that he signed on post trap proceedings after completion of proceedings."

The Hon'ble court in the judgment dt.14.06.2019 had convicted the Accused officer, Sri G. Gujala Ramanna, ADFO sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment. It was further observed that the Government Servant guilty of giving false evidence. **In para-38 of judgment it was observed against the Government Servant as follows.**

"Since PW-2 M. Bhupal Reddy, District Fire Officer being Government servant turned hostile by resiling from his earlier statements, given to ACB official, hence DSP, ACB Kurnool is directed to take steps to proceed against him departmentally, for giving false evidence against prosecution as per rules"

Thus the Government Servant, Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, Regional Fire Officer, AP Fire Services, Civil Defense Training Institute, Sattenapalli, Guntur District, formerly District Fire Officer, Kurnool by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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LIST OF WITNESSES IN SUPPORT OF CHARGES PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:-

- 1) Sri Godugu Venkateswarlu, Age 52 years, S/o G.Venkata Swamy, Development Officer, 0/0 Asst. Director, Handlooms & Textiles, Collectorate Complex, Kurnool District R/o Flat No.203, B-Block, Amrutha Apartments, Sankalbagh, Kurnool town (Mediator-I).
- 2) Sri Gaddam Peddaiah, Age: 37 years, S/o G. Madhavaiah, Asst. Development Officer, 0/o Asst. Director, Handlooms & Textiles, Collectorate Complex, Kurnool District R/o Sanjeervaiah Nagar, Gudur (V) & (M), Kurnool District (Mediator-II).
- 3) Sri M. Mahaboob Basha, the then Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool Range, Kurnool.
- 4) Sri P. Prasada Rao, the then Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool Range, Kurnool.
- 5) Sri M. Nagabhushanam, Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool Range, Kurnool.

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- 1) Attested copy of Post trap proceedings drafted in the 0/0 District Fire officer, Kurnool dt. 05.03.2014 from 14.30 hours to 22.05 hours.
- 2) Attested copy of 161(3) Cr. PC statement Dt. 05.03.2014 of Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, District Fire officer.
- 3) Attested copy of deposition of Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, District Fire officer, YSR District, Kadapa formerly District Fire officer, Kurnool deposed on 01.02.2017 before the Hon'ble Judge for trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool.
- 4) Attested copy of judgment dt. 14.06.2019 pronounced by the Hon'ble Spl. Judge for trial of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool.
- 5) Letter in Rc.No. 24323/Estb/2014 dt. 25.09.2019 of the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada who furnished service particulars of Sri Manchala Bhupal Reddy, District Fire officer, YSR District, Kadapa formerly District Fire officer, Kurnool.

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